LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended). In a system including a personal video recorder (PVR) receiving and recording a program and having a PVR program output generating a PVR signal corresponding to said program and a command output generating command signal, a video recorder and a digitizer assembly, ~~A~~ a method for automated copying from [[a]] said personal video recorder, the method comprising the steps of:

   ~~receiving a first signal indicative of a playback;~~

   generating a command signal by said PVR to said video recorder instructing the video recorder to start recording;

   ~~receiving~~ transmitting a ~~second~~ content signal from the personal video recorder by said digitizer assembly, wherein the ~~second~~ content signal is an analog signal containing ~~the playback~~ said program;

   intercepting said command signal by said digitizer assembly;

   in response to said command signal receiving and digitizing the ~~second~~ content signal in response ~~to the first signal~~ to create a digital representation of the ~~playback~~ program ; and

   storing the digital representation ~~of the playback~~ by said digitizer system~~.~~

2. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

transmitting the digital representation ~~of the playback~~ over a network.

3. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of:

   sharing the compressed digital representation ~~of the playback~~ in a peer-to-peer network configuration.

4. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

   ~~copying~~ recording the digital representation ~~of the playback~~ onto a digital storage medium.

5. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 4 wherein the ~~copying~~ recording is performed on a transportable digital storage medium.

6. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 1 further comprising ~~compressing~~ the digital representation ~~of the playback~~ and storing the compressed digital representation.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently Amended). An apparatus for creating a digitized copy of a recorded program on a personal video recorder, said personal video recorder generating a command signal indicating the commencement of playback of said recorded program by , the apparatus comprising:

a ~~first~~ subsystem ~~for~~ receiving said command signal ~~a first signal, the first signal indicating the commencement of playback of a recorded program from the personal video recorder~~ and an analog signal corresponding to said program and

~~a second subsystem for intercepting a second signal, the second signal containing an analog representation of the recorded program; and~~

~~a third subsystem for~~ creating a digitized version of the intercepted signal.

9. (Currently Amended). The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising:

a storage ~~medium~~ device ~~for~~ storing the digitized signal.

10. (Currently Amended). The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising:

a transmitting circuit for transmitting the compressed version ~~of the digitized signal~~.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended). A system for automatically creating a digitized copy of a recorded program from a personal video recorder, said personal video recorder generating a control signal to an external device indicating the commencement or conclusion of playback of said recorded program, said personal video recorder selectively outputting said recorded program as an output signal including a

respective analog video component and an analog audio component , the ~~apparatus~~ system comprising:

an analog-to-digital video converter for digitizing the analog video component ~~of the recorded program~~ to create a digitized video signal;

an analog-to-digital audio converter for digitizing the analog audio component ~~components of the recorded program~~ to create at least one digitized audio signal;

a receiver for receiving ~~a~~ said control signal~~, the control signal indicating the commencement or conclusion of playback of the recorded program~~ from the personal video recorder; and

a digital storage device for storing the digitized video signal and the digitized audio signal.

13. (Currently Amended). The system of claim 12 further comprising a first compression unit that compresses the digitized video signal to ~~produced~~ produce a compressed digitized video signal, and a second compression unit for compressing the digitized audio signal to produce compressed a digitized audio signal.

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Currently Amended). The system of claim [[14]] 13, wherein the first compression unit is computer based software utilizing at least one video compression algorithm.

16. (Original). The system of claim 15, wherein the computer based software is augmented by an electronic circuit that accelerates the at least one video compression algorithm.

17. (Original). The system of claim 12, further comprising:

    a transmitter for transmitting the digitized video signal and the digitized audio signal.

18. (Original). The computer system of claim 12, further comprising:

    a network interface subsystem for sharing the digitized video signal and the digitized audio signal with other computer systems on a computer network.

19. (Original). The system of claim 18 wherein the network interface subsystem is a client-server computer network .

20. (Original). The system of claim 18 wherein the network interface subsystem is a peer-to-peer network configuration.

21. (Original). The system of claim 12 further comprising:

a storage system with removable medium for storing the digitized video signal and the digitized audio signal on a write-once removable medium.

22. (Original). The system of claim 12 further comprising:

a storage system adapted for use with a removable medium for storing the digitized video signal and the digitized audio signal on a rewritable removable medium.

23. (Currently Amended). A method for automated copying of content from a personal video recorder, the method comprising the steps of:

~~receiving a first~~ generating command signal ~~from the~~ by the personal video recorder wherein the ~~first~~ command signal is indicative of the initiation of a playback of ~~the~~ content from the personal video recorder, said command being generated for the control of an analog video cassette recorder;

intercepting a ~~second~~ said command signal and a video signal from the personal video recorder by a digitizing device, wherein the ~~second~~ video signal is an analog signal containing the ~~playback~~ content and wherein the analog signal contains a video component ~~that contains additional information related to the playback~~;

digitizing the video component signal by the digitizing device to create a digitized version of the ~~playback~~ content;

digitizing the information; and

storing the video component and the digitized information.

24. (Original). The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of:

transmitting the digitized video component and the digitized information over a network.

25. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of:

sharing the digitized video component and the digitized information by the digitizing device in a peer-to-peer network configuration.

26. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of:

~~copying~~ recording the digitized video component and the digitized information onto a transportable digital storage medium.

27. (Original). The method of claim 26 wherein said digital storage media is an optical media.

28. (Currently Amended). A method for automated copying of a playback of content stored on ~~from~~ a personal video recorder, said personal video recording generating a command signal indicative of at least one of commencement and termination of playback of said content , the method comprising the steps of:

~~receiving a first signal indicative of the initiation of a playback~~

receiving said command signal by a digitizing device;

intercepting a ~~second~~ video signal from the personal video recorder by he digitizing device, wherein the ~~second~~ video signal is an analog signal containing the ~~playback~~ content and wherein the analog signal contains an audio component and a video component;

digitizing the video component of the ~~playback~~ content by said digitizing device to create a digitized video component;

digitizing the audio component of the playback to create a digitized audio component; and

storing the digitized video and audio components.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 28 wherein said ~~playback recording~~ content includes an imbedded data subcomponent formed of data related to the playback, further comprising digitizing said subcomponent.

31. (Original). The method of claim 30 wherein said data subcomponent is imbedded in said video component.

32. (Original). The method of claim 31 wherein said data component is encoded within a vertical blanking interval of said video component.

33. (Cancelled).

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[33]] 30 further comprising storing said digitized data with together with said digitized video and audio components.

35. (Original). The method of claim 28 wherein said data component is disposed within a blanking interval of the video component.

36. (Original). The method of claim 28, further comprising the step of:

transmitting the digitized video and audio components over a network.

37. (Original). The method of claim 28, further comprising the step of:

sharing the video and audio subcomponents in a peer-to-peer network configuration.

38. (Currently Amended).The method of claim 28, further comprising the step of:

~~copying~~ recording the video and audio subcomponents onto a transportable digital storage medium.

39. (Original). The method of claim 38 wherein the transportable digital storage medium is an optical disc.

40. (Cancelled)

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41. (Original).The method of claim 32 wherein said signal is an analog signal, further comprising digitizing said signal, compressing the digitized signal and storing the compressed signal.

42. (Original). The method of claim 32 wherein said signal is an encoded digital signal, further comprising decoding said digital signal and storing the decoded signal.

43. (New). The apparatus of claim 8 wherein said subsystem further includes a recording member that records said digitized version on a digital media.